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How to GROW Iris (Booklet)

We have been growing iris for more than 25 years. During that time we have been asked many questions about how to grow iris, how to hybridize, in fact, just about everything a curious gardener wants to know about this beautiful flower. We have produced HEROIQUE, a huge white which has produced 9-inch flowers.

Here are a few of the subjects covered in this little volume entitled
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- History of the Iris
- Where to Buy Iris
- How to Prepare Rhizomes to be Used as Perfume
- Preparation of Soil
- How to Plant
- Where to Plant
- When to Plant
- "Duck on Water" Doctrine Exploded
- How to Hybridize
- Illustrations Showing how to Hybridize
- Seed Pods Illustrated
- Ripe Pods Illustrated
- When to Plant Seed
- Picture of Seedling
- How to Prepare Iris for the Show Room
- How to Keep Iris in Good Health
- Treatment of Diseases

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